In the Claims

1. (currently amended) Venting device, particularly for fluid-storing reservoirs with a connecting part (10) for establishing an air-carrying or fluid-carrying connection (14) to the interior of the reservoir, and with a closure part (16) which can be removed from the connecting part (10), especially in the form of a sealing cap, when the closure part (16) has been fitted between it and the connecting part (10) there being at least one leakage point (18) in the manner of an air exchange opening, a labyrinth-like seal (20) effectively sealing the respective leakage point (18) at least against penetrating media such as water and detergent chemicals, but not against air exchange for actual venting, the labyrinth-like seal (20) ~~consisting of~~comprising a system of seal passages (22), of which one part in the manner of a collecting and delivery site (24, 26) holds the respective penetrating medium, the respective collecting and delivery site (24, 26) being part of a U-shaped or angular seal passage (32, 34), and at least one sealing leg (36) of the fitted closure part (16) engaging at least in the U-shaped seal passage (32), characterized in that for effective sealing in the intended flow direction of the penetrating medium downstream of the U-shaped seal passage (32) an angular seal passage (34) follows in a definable plurality and that the respective angular seal passage (34) is formed from the collecting and delivery site (24, 26) which is routed along the radial circumference of the connecting part (10) and into which guide channels (50) discharge which extend transversely to it and which with their other free end are each connected to the U-shaped seal passage (32) and to the interior of the venting device in a manner so as to be able to carry the media.

2. (previously presented) The venting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the collecting and delivery site (24, 26) is located in the bottom-side areas (28) of the connecting part

(10) and wherein they extend transversely or provided with a drain slant to the longitudinal axis (30) of the venting device.

3. (previously presented) The venting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sealing leg (36) projects from the seal flange (40) of the closure part (16) and wherein the seal flange (40) rests on both sides of the sealing leg (36) on assignable sealing surfaces (46, 48) of the connecting part (10).

4. (previously presented) The venting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein in the potential penetration direction of the respective medium downstream of the labyrinth seal (20) there follows a filter element (52) which, as a portion of the closure part (16), encompasses the air-carrying and fluid-carrying connection (14) within the connecting part (10) in the fitted state.

5. (previously presented) The venting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the closure part (16) provided with wall-side catch parts (54) together with a flange-like widened area of the connecting part (10) forms a catch connection in the manner of a quarter-turn fastener.